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SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF USGS CONTRACT WITH MATSUSHIRO SEISMOLOGICAL
OBSERVATORY

1. DR. SHIGEJI SUEHIRO, HEAD OF SEISMOLOGICAL DIV., JAPAN
METEOROLOGICAL AGENCY CONTACTED EMBASSY TODAY TO INFORM US
OF CURRENT JMA THINKING ON MATSUSHIRO SEISMOGRAPHIC
PROJECT CONTRACT. JMA WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE THE PROJECT
BUT WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE THE FORM OF THE AGREEMENT. IN
ORDER TO AVOID PROBLEMS WITH PROPERTIES OFFICE OF FINANCE
MINISTRY, JMA PROPOSES THAT AGREEMENT FOR CONTINUED USG
USE OF MATSUSHIRO FACILITIES BE IN THE FORM OF AN EXCHANGE
OF LETTERS BETWEEN MCKELVEY OF USGS AND ARIZUMI OF JMA.
THE CONTRACT ENCLOSED IN MCKELVEY LETTER OF AUGUST 3
WOULD BE RETURNED UNSIGNED. THE AGREEMENT WOULD BE IN
FORCE FOR TWO YEARS AND NO CHANGE IN THE OPERATION IS
ANTICIPATED. THE ONLY CHANGE WOULD BE THE ELIMINATION
OF THE CONTRACTUAL ASPECT OF THE RELATIONSHIP.

2. SUEHIRO INFORMED US THAT THE USE OF A CONTRACT
NECESSITATES JMA OBTAINING APPROVAL FROM THE MIN OF
FINANCE WHICH MAY OBJECT TO USG USE OF MATSUSHIRO
FACILITIES. IF AGREEMENT IS BASED ON EXCHANGE OF LETTERS,
NO MIN OF FINANCE APPROVAL IS NECESSARY.

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3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING USGS REACTION TO

THIS PROPOSAL. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME
PROBLEM WITH ALLOCATION OF FUNDS IF THERE IS NO CONTRACT
AND HAVE MENTIONED THIS POSSIBILITY TO SUYEHIO.
EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT JMA IS INTERESTED IN CONTINUING
THE PROJECT AT MATSUSHIRO AND THAT THEY REALIZE THE
IMPORTANCE OF THE DATA OBTAINED. THE CHANGE IN FORMAT
IS FOR BUREAUCRATIC CONVENIENCE ONLY. PLEASE ADVISE IF
PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF LETTERS IS SUITABLE ARRANGEMENT
FOR USGS.
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